

# 2013 Northeast Nevada Interagency Fire Management Local Liaison Program



# *Partners:*

- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
- U.S. Forest Service (USFS)
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

# *Cooperators:*

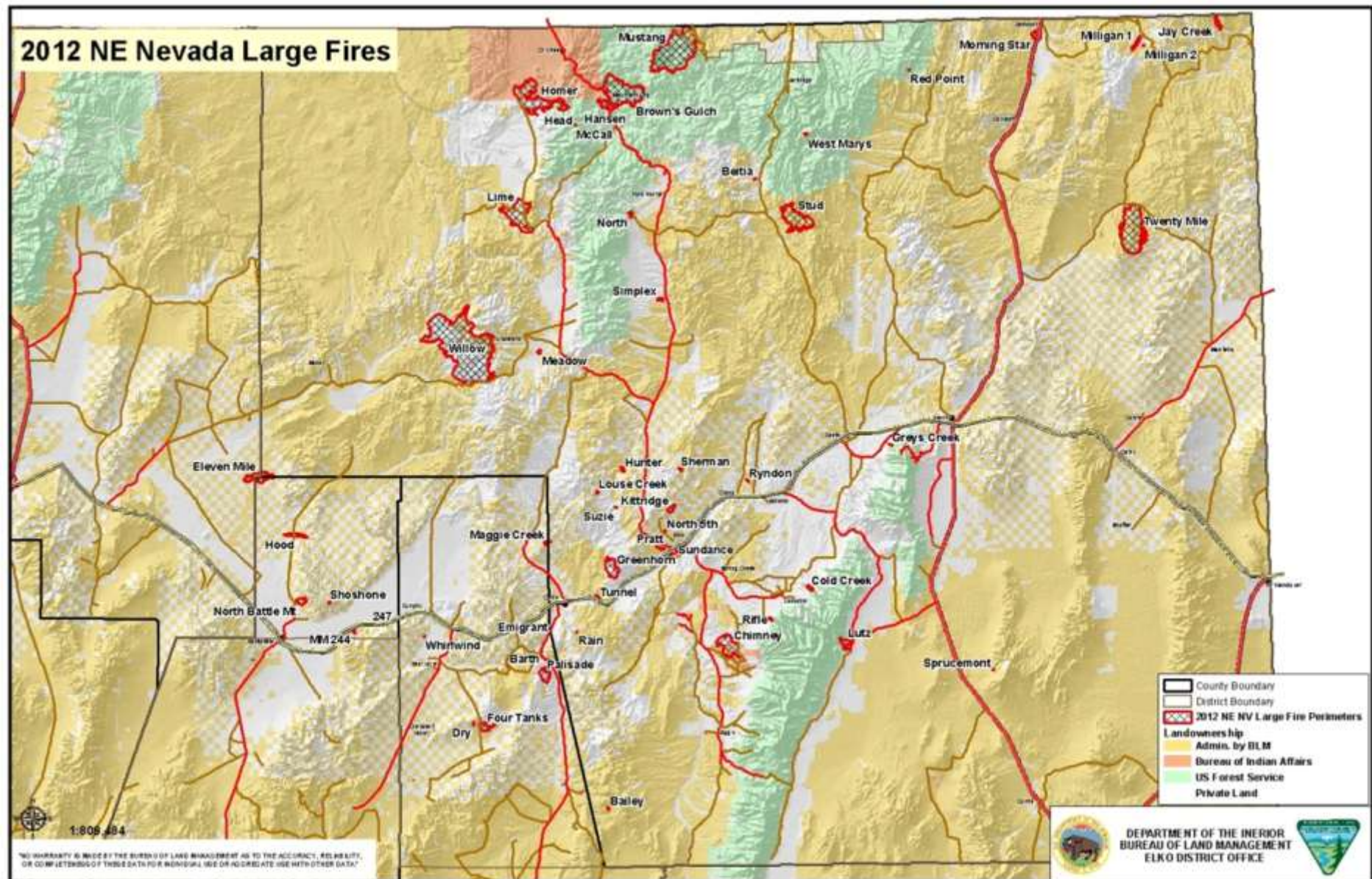
- Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF)
- Elko Fire Department
- US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- Duck Valley Tribe
- Elko County Fire Protection District
- Eureka County Fire Protection District

# Northeast Nevada Interagency Fire Suppression Resources

- 9 Type 4 Heavy Engines / 2 Type 3 Heavy Engines
- 2 Type 6 Engines
- 1 Type 3 Helicopter
  - With 10 Person Crew
- 1 Type 1 20-person Interagency Hotshot Crew
- 1 Type 2 Initial Attack Crew
  - BIA Call When Needed
- 1 Fire Dozer with Transport (D-7)
- 1 Air Tactical Group Supervisor
  - With Exclusive Use Platform



# 2012 Fire Season Review



Fire Name	Acres	Owner	PPH	PGH	Private	Public	IMT
N Battle Mt	726.43	BLM	0.00	0.00	353.14	373.29	
Morning Star	531.40	BLM	531.40	0.00	11.45	519.95	
Kittridge	502.74	NDF	0.00	0.00	293.85	208.90	
Twenty Mile	13149.31	BLM	9593.70	0.00	1309.76	11839.55	Phelps T3
Chimney	4597.47	NDF	938.55	3449.89	2448.36	950.02	Uhlig
Palisade	1444.63	BLM	0.00	258.90	1444.63	0.00	Hecht
Four Tanks	1015.04	NDF	0.00	0.00	367.27	647.77	
Willow	42780.69	NDF	41762.49	1018.19	33264.55	9516.14	Rader T3
Homer	9560.03	NDF	4417.71	0.00	4227.45	0.00	Leitch T2
Lime	7589.53	BLM	6931.91	657.61	5032.43	2557.10	Leitch T2
Hansen	1008.71	USFS	985.25	0.00	10.65	0.00	Leitch T2
Greenhorn	2679.61	NDF	0.00	0.00	2679.61	0.00	Friend
Brown's Gulch	11822.04	USFS	11810.75	11.28	764.73	0.00	Leitch T2
Stud	6737.67	BLM	6714.38	0.00	0.00	6737.67	Goff
Mustang	19344.98	USFS	16791.61	1295.57	574.35	3029.06	Leitch T2
Milligan 1	553.32	BLM	553.32	0.00	317.96	235.36	
Lutz	930.31	USFS	930.31	0.00	306.54	29.35	Uhlig
Hood	711.71	BLM	0.35	1.67	402.04	309.67	
Jay Creek	551.68	BLM	294.53	0.00	152.13	399.55	Johnson
West Mary's	90.41	USFS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Brollier

YTD 10/31/12		Wildland Fire Activity					
Agency		Human		Lightning		Total	
		Fires	Acres	Fires	Acres	Fires	Acres
BIA	NV-ENA	0	0	0	6,201	0	6,201
BLM	NV-EKD	28	1,774	74	37,282	102	39,056
ST	NV-NNS	85	1,097	39	56,012	124	57,109
USFS	NV-HTF	3	683	17	29,470	20	30,153
Totals:		116	3,554	130	128,965	246	132,519

•**231 of 246 fires were contained within 48 hours after detection; Initial Attack success rate of 94%**

•**73 confirmed fire starts between 8/5/12 - 8/11/12 across NE Nevada Zone**  
•**10 Year Average (2001-2011) for NV EKD = 145 fires per year for 231,860 acres burned**





Twenty Mile Fire



Chimney Fire





Willow Fire



**Browns Gulch Fire / Bull Run Complex**

# 2013 Fire Season Outlook

[http://gacc.nifc.gov/wgbc/predictive/outlooks/monthly\\_seasonal/seasonal/seasonal.html](http://gacc.nifc.gov/wgbc/predictive/outlooks/monthly_seasonal/seasonal/seasonal.html)

# **BLM 2013 Fire Season Talking Points**

**Safety of the public and firefighters is our top concern.**

- That's a constant in all of our fire management actions.

**Sagebrush habitat conservation is a high priority for BLM's fire community.**

- Most of the remaining sagebrush habitat in the Great Basin is managed by BLM. Fire management is critical in helping to avoid a listing of sage grouse.
- Our goal is to keep the number of burned acres to a minimum and continue our high rate of initial attack success.



## **A few of the steps to preserve sagebrush habitat are:**

- Use of firebreaks and greenstrips to protect remaining habitat
- Compiling district-level sage-grouse toolboxes, which will contain maps of habitat, resource advisor information, local guidance and other vital information
- On critical weather days, positioning suppression resources for quick response to fire in sage-grouse habitat
- Fuels reduction treatments - although substantially reduced from previous years -- will be designed to protect existing sagebrush ecosystems, modify fire behavior and restore native plants.
- Plus many other steps that will help BLM respond quickly and effectively to wildfire in sagebrush habitat

**BLM should have close to the same number of firefighters and other resources in 2013 as we did in 2012.**

- BLM received an exception to a hiring freeze from DOI for seasonal firefighters. Nationally BLM will hire about 1,000 seasonal firefighters, which is about 75 fewer than in 2012. Elko District will be hiring the same number of firefighters and staffing the same resources as the 2012 season.
- We expect other fire management resources - engines, aircraft, dozers, hotshot crews - to be close to the 2012 levels. BLM National Office of Fire and Aviation is absorbing most of the budget cuts at the overhead level so that we can better preserve our suppression capability.
- In 2013, BLM will sponsor at least three 20-person military veterans' crews in Nevada, California and Oregon, with several smaller crews in other states.

**Aviation resources are a bright spot in BLM's 2013 fire management program.**

- We have 11 single-engine airtankers (SEATs) on exclusive-use contract this year. A solicitation is out for an additional 16 SEATs, which would more than double the fleet. A solicitation is also out for two water-scooper aircraft, potentially doubling the number currently available. Results of those solicitations won't be known until May. Helicopter availability should be close to last year's level.

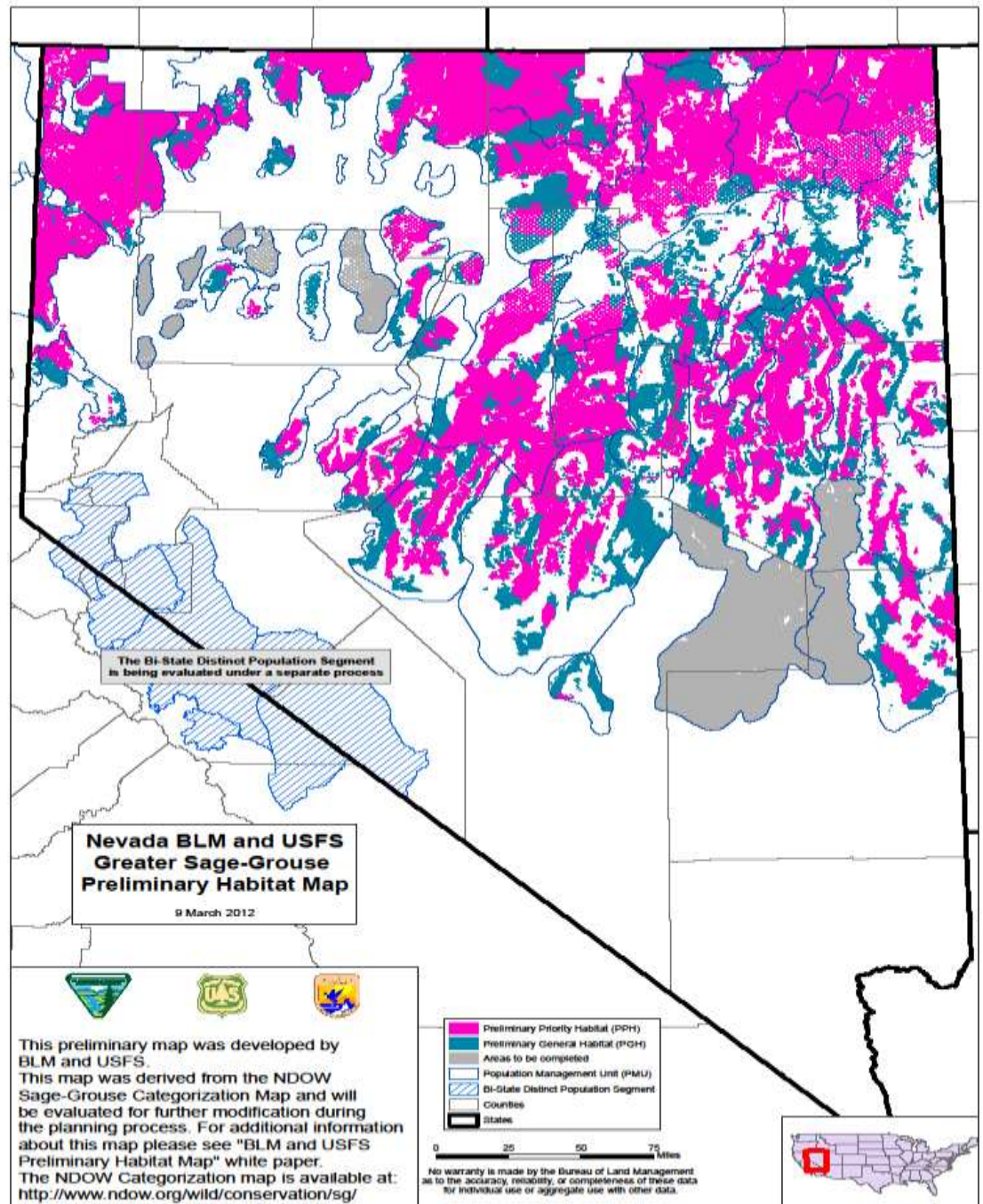
# Multi-Incident Prioritization

## Northeast Nevada Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) Group

- 1) Threat to Life and / or Public Safety
- 2) Threat to Property and Associated Improvements
- 3) Threat to Natural Resources
  - Sage Grouse Habitat PPH / PGH (BLM Priority) and Threatened or Endangered Species Habitat
  - Other Natural Resource Values

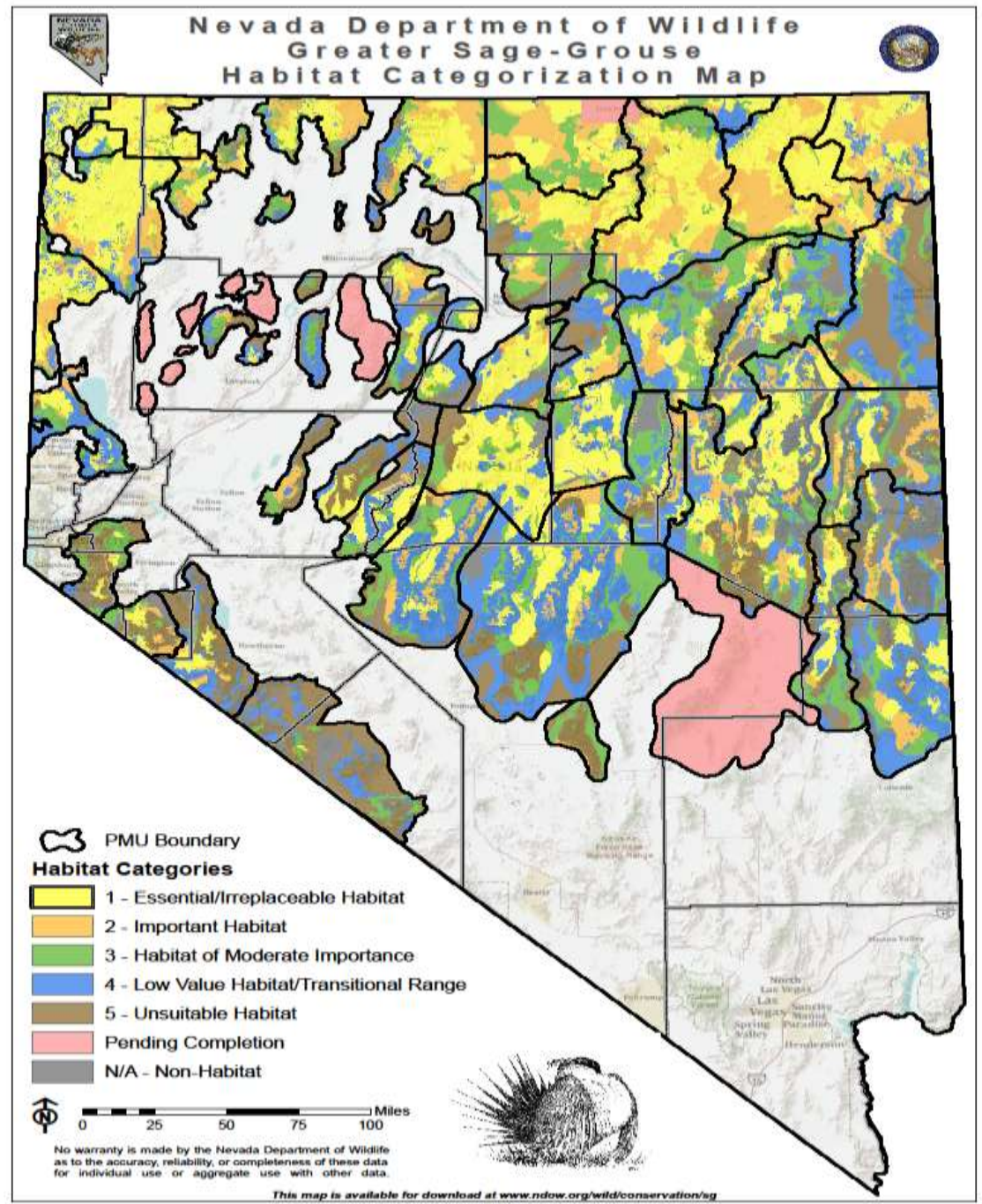


# BLM NEVADA Sage Grouse Habitat





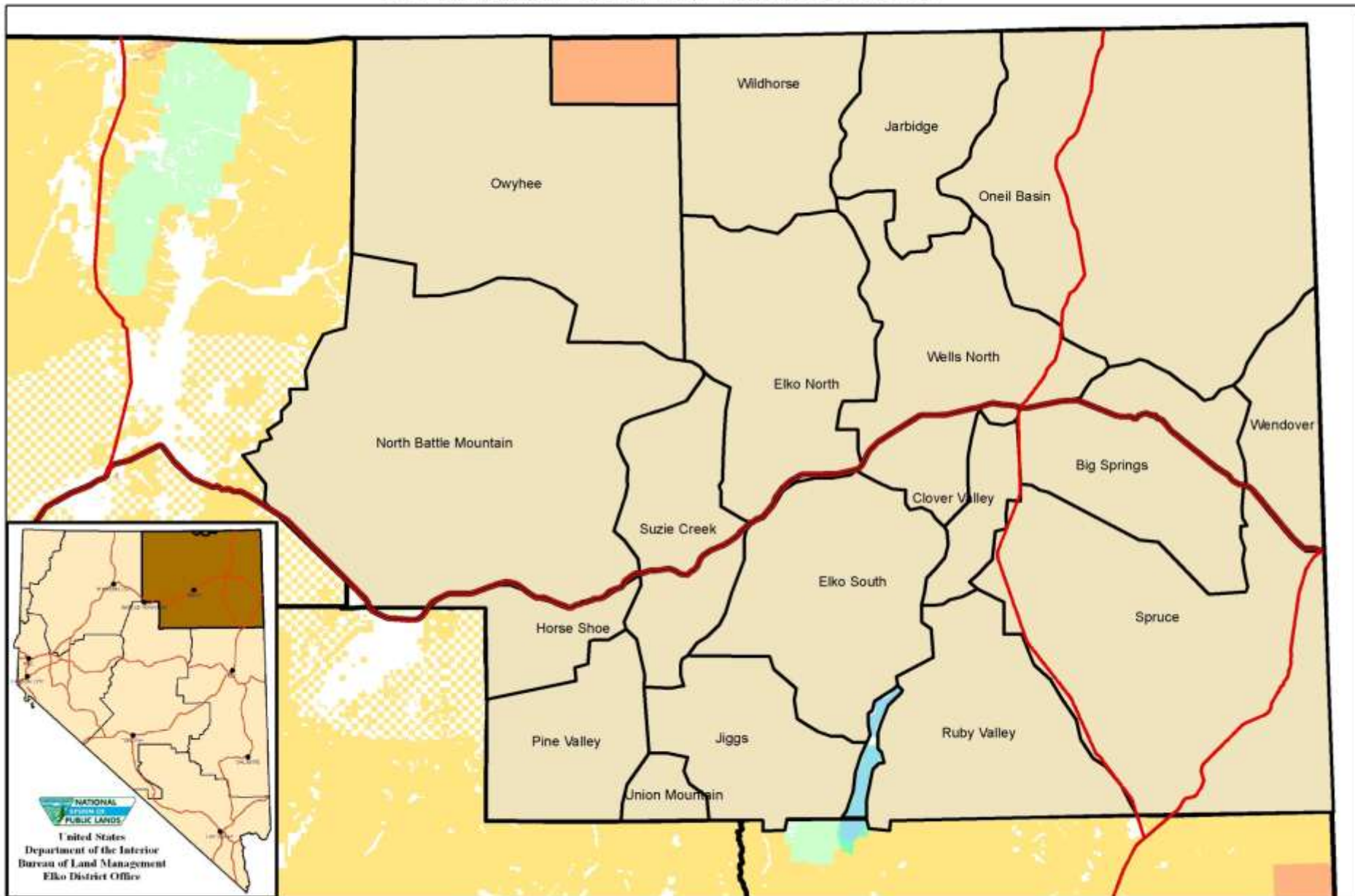
# Nevada Division Of Wildlife Sage Grouse Habitat



# Fire Local Liaison Program

- Encourages local permittee or landowner involvement with Initial Attack and Extended Attack fire suppression teams.
- Interface with the Incident Commander (IC) and Agency Administrator.
- Interface with counterparts and other affected stakeholders.
- Provide input to incident Planning Section and Operations Sections of Incident Management Teams.

# NE Nevada Fire Local Liasion Zones



0 4 8 16  
Miles  
1:1,288,411

Data published in:  
North American Datum 1983 (NAD83)  
UTM coordinates, Zone 11, meters

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**Legend**

- Liason Zones
- Land Status
- Agency
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Department of Defense
- Department of Energy
- Forest Service
- Wild and Scenic Rivers
- National Park Service
- Nevada State Lands
- Private
- Water



# ***CHARACTERISTICS OF AN INITIAL ATTACK INCIDENT***

## ***TYPE 4 & 5 INCIDENTS***

- All wildland fires are subject to initial attack.
- Initial attack is the action taken by resources that are first to arrive at an incident.
- The kind and number of resources responding to initial attack varies depending upon fire danger, fuel type, values to be protected.
- Generally, initial attack involves a small number of resources, and incident size is small.

**On Average, 92% of all fires  
are controlled during Initial Attack**



# ***INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAMS***

## ***TYPE 2 and TYPE 1 INCIDENTS***

### **Type 2 Organization**

A Type 2 Organization is the first level at which most or all of the Command and General Staff positions are activated and are filled by a Type 2 Incident Management Team. The IC and Command/General Staff must function as a team handling many aspects such as:

- Supervising a large organization.
- Multiple operational periods.
- Gathering information to develop a written Incident Action Plan.

### **Type 1 Organization**

The primary difference between a Type 1 and Type 2 Organization is a matter of size and complexity. The factors that affect the decision to go to a Type 1 Operation are variable and depend to a large extent upon the needs and policies of the agency or agencies involved.

# NE NV Local Liaison Program

- The idea was to bridge the gap between fire managers, incident management teams, and the local stakeholders.
- Liaisons work for the Agency Administrator, as well as the Incident Commander, to facilitate information sharing, resolution of issues, and to ensure that stakeholders have input into the management of the incident.
- The intent of the position is to provide local knowledge to out-of-area firefighters and fire managers, to communicate with and educate these firefighters about local issues, work with the Incident Commander and Resource Advisor to provide input to the Incident Action Plan, and to communicate with and educate the local affected community about strategy, tactics, and firefighting policies.

# NE NV Local Liaison Program

## Opportunities to Continue Development of Program:

- Develop Contact List to provide fire occurrence statistics.
- Include Range Specialists and Resource Staff in coordination meetings.
- Use NV Cattlemen's Association to help disseminate information.
- Use NV Cattlemen's Association Representative as a Fire Information point of contact at EIDC during high fire activity.

**QUESTIONS?**